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Grants to Update Computer Lab 'Dinosaurs'

by Scott Barnard

The computer labs are in the process of being upgraded, with the help of an anonymous grant and many hours put in by the staff and students. With the addition of the new hardware, access to the Internet, and longer hours, Director of Campus-wide Technology Tom McMurtry hopes to make the labs accessible to all students. Until recently, funding for computer lab maintenance has taken a back seat to other campus needs.

Students who frequent the computer labs are well aware of the problems McMurtry and

Spring Fashion Bumped Back

by M. Janie King

The Second Annual Spring Fashion Show had been scheduled to take place this Friday in the Howerton Dining Hall. Instead, it will take place on Friday March 27 in the Fellowship Hall.

According to Heath Peek, the fashion show coordinator, the show "just wasn't ready to be put on this Friday" and that he "would not be rushed" into something that was less than the best. Peek was also not very excited about

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staff will face.

Freshman Jed Popek complained, "The computers in the Belk Campus Center Lab are ancient, dinosaurs. The screens freeze and many of the keyboards lockup, causing the letters to repeat when the keys are pecked."

Baseball player Sven Berg commented, "There aren't enough printers, but the ones they have are nice."

McMurtry hopes the budget will allow for the edition of 25 new machines for the fall semester. If not, the twelve existing machines in

the BCC Lab will be upgraded to contain 8 MEG of RAM along with increased memory capabilities.

By mid-summer, the school will be connected to the World Web, Internet due to the hard work of Howerton Resident Tim Hatton. Hatton is in the process of developing a system personalized for students and faculty.

The National Science Foundation granted twenty-five thousand dollars to the computer program to develop the system and purchase the needed hardware. After two years, the school has agreed to pick up the cost of maintaining the Internet possibilities. Eventually, McMurtry hopes "to network the whole campus," make the Internet and on Campus information accessible through computers from the dorm rooms.

McMurtry hopes to have the library computers and printers up and running by March 8. The computers were purchased six or seven years ago by the library and over the last year have received little or no maintenance.

After spring break, the BCC Lab staff will be holding training workshops for students in the use of the Microsoft software on the machines. They will be held at night and will be open to all students. Times for the workshops will be posted around campus. Next fall, similar workshops will be held to introduce students to the Internet and the college's networking capabilities.

The Computer Science Department invites all interested students to attend a meeting forming a PC user's club today at 3:30 pm. Items that will be discussed include naming the club and electing officers. They hope to discuss gaming, internet, programming, and plan on setting their own BBM on campus.

5-Minute Band To Play 45 Minute Concert In Gaither

by Zola M Griffin

The 5-Minute Band will perform March 7 at 7:30 pm in Gaither Chapel. Attending students will receive chapel credit. The event be accented by a 45 minute performance from the Christian drama group "Christ Mime" and a possible appearance by musician Jamie Kane.

The band consists of Emmanuel college's Scott Hobbs, lead singer and Lisa Pate, backup singer. Montreat students Rob Lewis and Scott Ward accompany on keyboards and bass guitar. Ward commented that the drummer for the evening has not yet been chosen, but will be by the day of the concert.

The band performed in Belk last March, but has since made changes. The lead singer is

no longer with the band, and the band has grown spiritually with new vision. Ward expressed, "Our whole purpose is to communicate the real Jesus." The band's philosophy of ministry is "learning to make the right decisions and giving every single part of life to God." The band seeks to communicate the love of God, and use music for His glory.

The band's style of music is described as "eclectic, alternative, progressive, acoustic, blues and folk." The performance will incorporate original music from the 5-Minute Band with some praise and worship music. According to Ward, "the worship thing is very important to us." All are invited to an evening of entertainment and worship.

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Development Minimizes Tuition Costs

by John Langer

Development heads the campus' fundraising drive in an attempt to keep students' tuition minimal. M. Jac Whatley, Vice-President for Advancement, explained, "Campus fund raising this year is fantastic. We have already raised more than half of the funds for this year's goal of \$883,000."

Development receives funding through methods such as:

- Direct mail -- Mail is targeted at certain people in a plea for money.
- Personal solicitation -- Representatives for the college attend meetings at corporations and other such gatherings presenting proposals to support the college.
- Gifts/donations -- Unsolicited donations to the college are referred to as gifts. Two major types of gifts are prevalent on campus. Restricted gifts are donated to the college and are designated to a certain area. One ex-

ample of a restricted gift is the Staley Lectures series. A trust allows the college to bring in speakers using the interest from the principle, but prohibits the college from touching the principle

- Planned giving -- Alumni, corporations, foundations, churches, estates, and businesses contribute to the school.

Knox Bridges pointed out, "We match up departments with possible givers and ask for the money on behalf of the different departments."

Current fundraising purchased the new windows in the dorms and backs sports programs.

Fundraising also provides scholarships given to the students. This year the scholarships have been budgeted \$600,000 and have been allocated to eight scholarship areas: athletics, matching church, achievement awards, work study, presidential, children of ministers, and alumni.

White Boards in Caf, Belk, Market Student Activities

by Melissa Brown

Student Activities ordered marker boards at the beginning of the first semester to market activities on campus. The market boards, as they are called, will cut down on the amount of paper being wasted to announce student activities. Only students who get approval from the Student Activities office will be able to write on the boards. The board this week will feature drawings by character sketch artist Matt Horner promoting the Spring Formal and the upcoming intramurals.

Freshman Howerton resident Ben Foster expressed, "I think the boards are a good idea because they allow the students to be more informed about upcoming events, which in turn will lead to better attended events."

In order for the majority of the students to see the various messages posted, the marketing boards are positioned above the mail boxes in the Belk Center and on the wall closest to the main entrance in Howerton Dining Hall.

Freshman soccer player Steve Savell commented, "I don't think they'll work, the money used to purchase the boards should be used for something more useful to the students, like scholarships."